

Knotty Green vs HURLEY 1XI – 26th August 2017

Hurley won by 6 wickets

KNOTTY GREEN

A Capstick	b Basherat	1
A Patel	b Arshad	29
J Patel	c Walton b Basharat	16
J Allison	Not Out	44
V Patel	b Arshad	0
A Allison	b Arshad	16
T Patel	b Williams	25
D Pandya	c J Cole b Ridgeway	0
R Kemp	c Fernando b Ridgeway	12
Kuru	c Walton b Williams	2
	Extras	14
	Total	159ao

I Arshad	10-1-55-3	A Williams	5-0-36-2
M Basharat	10-1-45-2		
P Ridgeway	5-0-19-2		

HURLEY

M Walton	b Kemp	26
M Cole	c A Patel b Kemp	3
Y Gul	c J Patel b T Patel	4
V Sharma	Not Out	87
J Cole	b V Patel	4
Ameer Ahmed	Not Out	13
N Fernando		
I Arshad		
P Ridgeway		
M Basharat		
A Williams		
	Extras	23
	Total	160-4

J Patel	10-2-37-0	T Patel	6-2-22-1
R Kemp	10.2-1-62-2	V Patel	4-1-8-1
A Allison	3-1-12-0		

The privations of a Bank Holiday hit Hurley's resources hard, and for the first time the 2XI match had to be cancelled to put a team out at picturesque Knotty Green. The delights of a 6 hour coach trip to Barrow, Eminem at Reading, sickness, injury and domestic pressures left Hurley with a small nucleus of 1st teamers and with two drop outs in the morning did well to put 11 in the field. Prospects of getting a positive result were as high as OJ Simpson walking into a court room as Knotty Green won the toss and opted to bat. Mo Basharat (2-45) bowled Capstick with his first ball but then 2 Patel brothers laid about the bowling with a certain abandon going aerial to add 39 in 7 overs. Imran Arshad (3-55) was getting some big out-swing but it was Basharat that broke the stand as Jonny Patel (16) top-edged for keeper Walton to swallow the catch. Arshad bowled A Patel in the next over to peg back the home side to 48-3. Knotty Green continued to play their shots and a fast outfield aided the boundary count. Arshad continued an excellent spell to bowl V Patel and an excellent outswinger clipped the off bail of Ayrton Allison (16) as he was beginning to look dangerous with 4 delicious boundaries. The home side declined to 72-5, the opposition scorer chewed on her cigarettes and even her sandwich was smoked ham. J Allison (44not) survived the

clatter of wickets and with T Patel (25) these two added 58 in 9 overs. Alex Williams (2-36) got his first over all wrong bowling at a set of stumps 3 sets further to leg and conceded 10 wides, but his second over was much better and he benefitted from a straight ball to bowl Patel. Phil Ridgeway (2-19) replaced Arshad and removed Pandya to a confident catch at long-on by Josh Cole. Nally Fernando was moved to short cover and swooped like a fridge-freezer to pick up Kemp (12) and next over Williams removed Kuru to dismiss Knotty Green for 159 in 30 overs.

A quick change over saw Mike Walton (26) and Mike Cole (3) sent out and Walton unleashed an uncharacteristic flow of the bat as these two added 18 before Cole could not resist and lofted to mid-on where mid-off had time to run round and pouch the catch. Yasir Gul (4) fresh off the plane watched as Walton plundered 5 boundaries but fell to an excellent catch at short leg. Walton was bowled by Kemp (2-62) and Hurley were a little uncomfortable at 46-3. Tea was taken at 3.30 after Varun Sharma (87not) had dispatched his third ball into the Beaconsfield Road for a massive 6. Josh Cole (4) held one end as Sharma once more displayed an impressive portfolio of shots in his 81 ball decimation of the bowling. Cole was bowled with the score on 115, but it then only took 5 more overs for Sharma and Ameer Ahmed (13not) to knock off the remaining 45 runs as the match finished at 5.08.

A brilliant effort and spirit from a patched-up Hurley as 5 of the team then repaired to the 'Royal Standard of England' to celebrate a commendable win.